

FORWARD . . .
IN FAITH!

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

OUR HERITAGE



In 1873, our church began as the First Presbyterian Church.

The modern history of our church centers around a dedicated minister and one of Vacaville's pioneer citizens, The Reverend Arthur Fruhling. Arthur Fruhling served as pastor through two world wars, the great depression and eleven years of our present atomic era. His service dates from 1915 through 1956, one of the longest single terms of service on record in California. The people of Vacaville are deeply indebted to Mr. Fruhling, for during his service the Community Church, as it was known from 1924 to 1957, was in fact Vacaville Civic Center. Basketball games, plays, community meetings as well as church were all held in what is now known as the Church Annex. Mr. Fruhling served the needs of all faiths in his role of spiritual civic leader.

Arthur Fruhling, Pastor Emeritus, still serves the Community Presbyterian Church counseling with our pastors and supporting church activities.

Today, Vacaville's most distinguished landmark, The Community Presbyterian Church, gives way to the progress of business in a growing Vacaville. In anticipation of this the church selected a new home on Hemlock Street across from the Hemlock School.

While historical significance and nostalgia hangs heavy over the old sanctuary as the day nears to remove it, the challenge of playing an equally significant role in the future of Vacaville faces the membership. The next few months will clearly indicate our willingness to carry this rich, traditional Christian role into the last half of the 20th century and the future.

Ye Are God's Building I Cor. 3:9

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER



The challenge before us is not merely bricks and mortar, but lives of children and youth for whom Christ lived and died!

What is proposed is not just a new building, but a bold, new thrust forward to meet more adequately the need of our youth, our church members and friends.

Ours to cherish is the three-fold essential for builders with Christ. (1 Cor. 13:13)

A FAITH which trusts in the Lord with all one's heart, but in remembrance that "faith without works is dead".

A HOPE based upon the promises of God, moving forward to fulfill His commission to "Go ye . . . teach ye!"

A LOVE like Christ's that does not count the cost, but gives of itself for others.

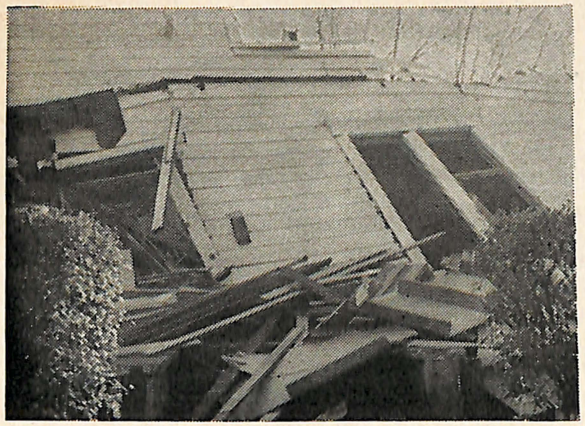
It seems to me that we are confronted with an unusual opportunity to bring a real inspiration and stimulus to the whole life of our community. The work of our church will not only be strengthened by the successful completion of this project, but a great impetus will be added to the entire work of Christ in this community.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY B. MacFADDEN

In Whom Ye Also Are Builded Together Eph. 2:22

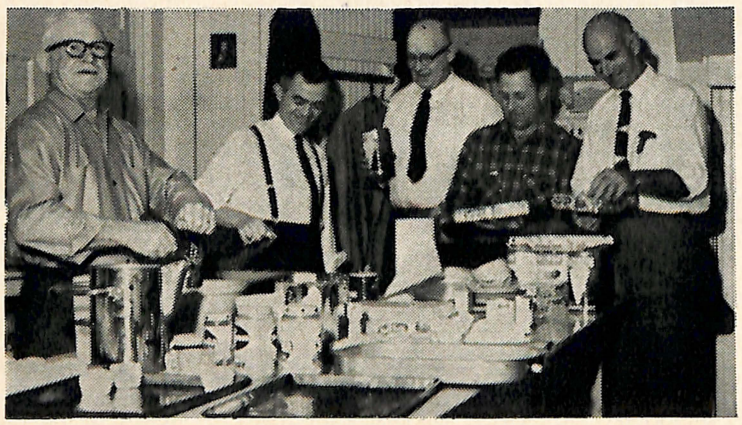
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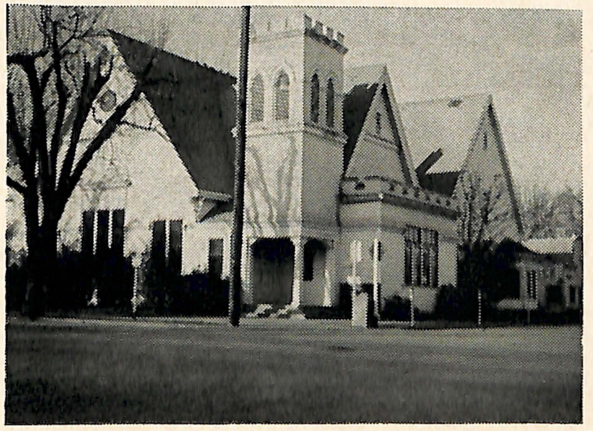
Time has run out. Our building program requires immediate action and wholehearted support.



Christian dedication will beautify this site with a sanctuary for Christ's work.



Active fellowship with inadequate facilities.



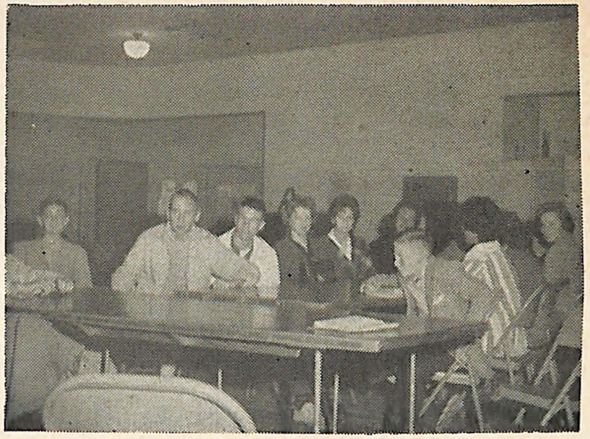
A monument to the past. God's will has been served well.

Wherefore, Be Ye Not Unwise But

NEED



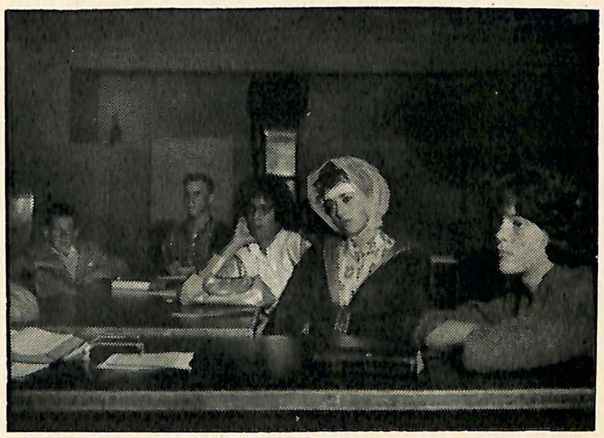
Preparing for Sunday Worship Service under difficult conditions.



Our young people are waiting for our commitment. We can provide them with better facilities.



The hand of Christian fellowship guides our young people.



Youth explores their Christian heritage. Our dedication will provide for their future.

Understanding What The Will Of The Lord Is Eph. 5:17

OUR PLAN

The Master Plan for the building of our new Church includes a Sanctuary, Educational Department, Chapel, Social Hall, a Choir room, Study, and various other utility rooms. The completed construction will be in the shape of a square, open at one side, and surrounding a Fellowship Court in the center. All units are to be connected by covered walkways for convenience of movement between the various units during inclement weather.

The new church site is on the corner of Hemlock Street and Eldridge Avenue consisting of three and one half acres. The church edifice will occupy approximately two and one half acres leaving the remaining acre for membership parking.

The initial construction will include the Sanctuary and the main portion of the Educational Department. The Chapel and Social Hall will be included in future construction. The preliminary cost estimate for the initial construction is $260,000.

A concentrated effort for design and beauty has been placed on the Church Sanctuary. Being of a somewhat oblong hexagonal shape it will seat 260 people. The choir will be located in the rear just off floor level. Our present church organ will be integrated into the new Sanctuary. The stained glass window of Christ in the front of our present building will also be prominently displayed in the new Sanctuary. A model of the new Sanctuary will be available after February 15th for inspection by the membership.

The Preliminary Plans were inspected and approved by the Session on January 24th, 1962. Initial construction is anticipated to begin around the middle of May and expected to be completed eight months thereafter.

Completion of the new Community Presbyterian Church will not only provide our community modern facilities with which to draw young people together in Christian Fellowship, but a Sanctuary of grace and beauty erected and dedicated to the Worship and Glory of God.

That Ye May Approve Things That Are Excellent Phil. 1-10

OUR GOAL

3% or more of our income each year for 3 years.

The total amount raised will depend entirely upon the STANDARD OF GIVING that is ESTABLISHED.

Your pledge should be determined by your ability to give, but one's willingness sometimes needs to be brought into line with one's ability.

One logical approach is to apply the principle of stewardship or percentage giving, that is, give a percentage of your income in proportion as God has blessed you. It is suggested that those, who are not tithers, begin by giving 3% or more of their income each year for 3 years to the Building Fund. By percentage or proportionate giving, the gifts of all are equalized. The table below shows examples of percentage giving based upon various annual incomes - - -

CONTRIBUTION GUIDE*

Annual Income	Weekly Pledge	3% Pledge Each Year for Building Fund	Total 3 Year Pledge for Building Fund
$ 4,000	$ 2.00	$104.00	$ 312.00
5,000	3.00	156.00	468.00
7,000	4.00	208.00	624.00
8,000	5.00	260.00	780.00
10,000	6.00	312.00	936.00
15,000	10.00	520.00	1560.00
20,000	15.00	780.00	2340.00

*All pledges to the Building Fund Campaign are over and above present giving. The current work of our church goes on even as we plan for the future.

Families in higher income brackets usually give a larger percent.

". . . they gave according to their means and beyond their means, of their own free will . . ."
2nd Corinthians, 8th Chapter

And We Have Confidence In The Lord Touching You II Thes. 3:4

"God builds no churches, by His plan
That labor has been left to man.
No spires miraculously rise
No little mission from the skies
Falls on the bleak and barren place.
The humblest church demands its price
In human toil and sacrifice."

(From a Poem by Edgar A. Guest)